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## Dangerous Ambition

Long ago in Scotland, a brave warrior named Macbeth fought fiercely for his king. After a great battle, he and his friend Banquo were returning home when they met three mysterious witches. The witches had strange voices and spoke in riddles. They told Macbeth that he would soon become the King of Scotland. At first, Macbeth was confused. How could he become king when King Duncan was still ruling?

But the idea stuck in his mind. When he told his wife, Lady Macbeth, she became excited. She believed that if Macbeth acted quickly, he could make the witches' words come true. She convinced him that if he wanted to be king, he had to take matters into his own hands. That night, Macbeth sneaked into King Duncan's room and did something terrible—he ended the king's life.

At first, Macbeth felt guilty, but as time went on, he became more power-hungry. He was afraid someone might take the throne from him. He remembered that the witches had also said Banquo's children would be kings one day. This made Macbeth nervous. He ordered soldiers to get rid of Banquo and his son. Banquo was killed, but his son escaped.

As Macbeth became more and more ruthless, people in Scotland started fearing him. He saw ghosts, heard voices, and could not sleep at night. He visited the witches again, hoping for more answers. This time, they told him that he would not be defeated until a great forest moved toward his castle and that no man born of a woman could harm him. Macbeth felt safe, thinking these things were impossible.

But soon, he realized the witches had tricked him. An army, disguised with tree branches, marched toward his castle, making it look as if the forest was moving. A warrior named Macduff, who was born in an unusual way, fought Macbeth. In the end, Macbeth lost, and the rightful king, Duncan's son, was crowned.

Macbeth had once been a noble warrior, but his great ambition led him to do terrible things. Instead of bringing him happiness, his hunger for power only brought fear and destruction. His story teaches us that wanting something too much, especially in the wrong way, can lead to disaster.